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FRENCH EXPLORATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA

1535 - 1750

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Curve of globe shown with vessel of style of 1600 sailing
from France to Gulf of St. Lawrence

French reached St. Lawrence River in 1535; Voyage took 13 weeks

Trip completed. Scene dissolved into animated map of North
America. Explorers' route indicated by a line moving from
the east, passing south of Newfoundland, up the St.
Lawrence, to Quebec, on to Montreal.

"Mount Royal"

Reproduction of old print

"Early Montreal"

Reproduction of an old print

French also explored Great Lakes

Map of Great Lakes appears

First route via Ottawa River

Animated line follows route up Ottawa River.

Dotted lines are portages

Shown by animated map
Route: across land to Lake Nipissing, then by water
to Lake Huron

Another route through Lake Ontario

Animated line begins again at mouth of Ottawa River and
continues up the St. Lawrence, along north shore of
Lake Ontario to mouth of Niagara River, and a little
way up that river

Map of Niagara River

Exploration line continues in this "close-up" map to a point below the falls.

Canoes were carried around rough water

Reproduction of old print of "A Portage"
Route of portage around the Falls shown by animated line on map.

A portage

Motion picture of men carrying canoes around rapids.

The Gorge

Motion picture views of the Gorge

Hennepin's Drawing of the Falls

Reproduction of Hennepin's drawing.

The Falls

Motion pictures

Rapids above the Falls

Motion pictures

Building the GRIFFON - the first ship above the Falls

Reproduction of old print

French explored all Great Lakes

Shown by animated map.

Route: from point above Niagara Falls along north shore of Lake Erie, up Detroit River to location of Detroit.

They built fort and store at Detroit

Location of Detroit shown on large scale map; animated exploration line continues up Detroit River, through Lake St. Clair, St. Clair River, through Lake Huron, along s.w. shore of Sts. of Mackinac (location of St. Ignace and Fort Michillimackinac indicated), south along western shore of Lake Michigan and through Green Bay to its head. Other routes are shown from Michillimackinac down eastern shore of Lake Michigan to St. Joseph; and from St. Ignace along Upper Peninsula shore to St. Mary's river, up to the Rapids (location of Sault Ste Marie indicated) and along southern shore of Lake Superior to present site of Duluth.

Sault Ste. Marie district

Reproduction of old print

View on Lake Superior

Reproduction of old print

French routes into Mississippi and Ohio Valleys

The main routes are shown by a series of animated lines on the map.

Route 1: from Lake Superior up the White River (near present site of Ahhlani, Wis.) to the St. Croix river, down the St. Croix to the Mississippi, thence down the Mississippi.

Route 2: from head of Green Bay up the Fox River to Lake Winnebago, through the Lake, on up the Fox River to a portage, across and down the Wisconsin to the Mississippi, shown by moving lines.

Hennepin at a Portage

Reproduction of old print

Little Falls of the Mississippi

Reproduction of old print

LaSalle and Hennepin on the Mississippi

Reproduction of old print.

Motion pictures of woodsmen's canoes on the upper Mississippi.

Route 3: from present site of Chicago up south branch of Chicago River, portage to the DesPlaines, along the DesPlaines and the Illinois to the Mississippi - Shown by moving line.

Ruined French fort near St. Louis

Reproduction of old print.

LaSalle

Reproduction of portrait.

Route 4: (shown by animated map) from Lake Michigan up the St. Joseph, portage to the Kankakee, down the Kankakee, and the Illinois to the Mississippi - Shown by moving line.

Western routes developed first: Indians were least dangerous there

Route 5: (shown by animated map) from present site of Toledo up the Maumee to the present site of Fort Wayne, Ind. portage to the Wabash, down the Wabash and the Ohio to the Mississippi.

Route 6: from the present site of Sandusky, up the Sandusky River, portage to the Scioto, down the Scioto to the Ohio, down the Ohio.

Route 7: from the present site of Cleveland, up the Cuyahoga, portage to the Muskingum, down the Muskingum and the Ohio.

Route 8: from the present site of Erie, portage to French Creek, down French Creek, the Allegheny, and the Ohio. Shown by moving lines.

French were traders and missionaries, founding few settlements

This map outlines the region explored by the French before 1750

The map as a whole is shown, with exploration lines completed, to fix the lines in the pupil's mind.

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